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Re: ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/791,330

Sir:

Please find transmitted herewith an ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS for filing in the above-identified application.

Respectfully Submitted,


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BASKETBALL BACKBOARD AND HOOP ASSEMBLY

EXAMINER : M. CHAMBERS

GROUP : 3711

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CONFIRMATION NO.: 1832

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ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith the following papers for entry in the above-identified application:

1. ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM PTOL-85;
2. STATEMENT OF NEW DETERMINATION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS, FOR PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE, PURSUANT TO

37 C.F.R. §1.27(g);

3. Credit Card Payment Form for \$700.00 for payment of the Issue Fee;
4. Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) for the payment of the Issue Fee;
5. Credit Card Payment Form for \$300.00 for payment of the Publication Fee;
6. Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) for the payment of the Publication Fee; and
7. COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE.

As noted above, Applicant submits herewith ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM PTOL-85 along with a Credit Card Payment Form for \$700.00 for payment of the Issue Fee for the above-identified application. A Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate), for the payment of the Issue Fee, is also submitted herewith. Applicant also submits herewith a STATEMENT OF NEW DETERMINATION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS, FOR PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE, PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.27(g). Applicant is a Small Entity and, therefore, Small Entity Status is entitled to be asserted for the above-identified application.

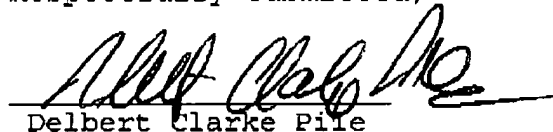
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Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified papers and payment of the respective fees be entered into the above-identified application.

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STATEMENT OF NEW DETERMINATION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS, FOR
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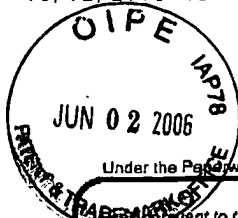
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FEE TRANSMITTAL **For FY 2006**

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES
Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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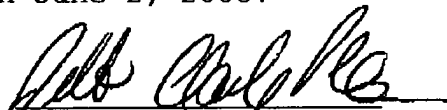
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

This is a Comments On Statement Of Reasons For Allowance in the above-identified application. Entry of this Comments On Statement Of Reasons For Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not disclose or suggest the present invention, as defined by each of the allowed pending Claims 1-7, 9, 11, 12, 15-18, 20-32, 35-40, and 45-59.

Regarding independent Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not disclose or suggest a basketball backboard and hoop apparatus, comprising: a basketball backboard and hoop assembly; a support arm for supporting the basketball backboard and hoop assembly; and a support element, wherein the support element provides support for the support arm; wherein the support arm is longitudinally moved along the support element, and further wherein the basketball backboard and hoop assembly is moved in a direction of a longitudinal movement of the support arm along a horizontal plane or a nearly horizontal plane from a first position inside a structure to a second position outside the structure, and further wherein the basketball backboard and hoop assembly is moved to an in-use position.

Regarding independent Claim 21, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not disclose or suggest a basketball backboard and hoop apparatus, comprising: a basketball backboard and hoop assembly; a support arm for

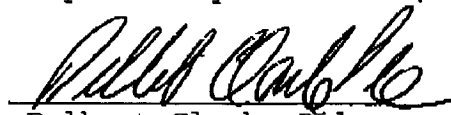
supporting the basketball backboard and hoop assembly; and a guiding device, wherein the support arm is longitudinally moved along the guiding device, and further wherein the basketball backboard and hoop assembly is moved in a direction of a longitudinal movement of the support arm through or along a horizontal plane or axis or a nearly horizontal plane or axis, from a first position inside a structure to a second position outside the structure, and further wherein the basketball backboard and hoop assembly is moved to an in-use position.

Regarding independent Claim 48, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not disclose or suggest a basketball backboard and hoop apparatus, comprising: a basketball backboard and hoop assembly, further comprising: a basketball backboard, and a hoop; a support arm for supporting the basketball backboard and hoop assembly; and a guiding device or a support element, wherein the support arm is longitudinally moved along the guiding device or the support element, and further wherein the basketball backboard and hoop assembly is moved in a direction of a longitudinal movement of the support arm from a first position inside a structure to a second position outside the structure, wherein the basketball backboard and hoop assembly is moved to an in-

use position, and further wherein the basketball backboard is deployed to an upright position subsequent to the basketball backboard and hoop assembly being moved outside the structure.

Entry of this COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE is respectfully requested.

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